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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated March 20, 2008, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection for Application Serial Nos. 7,241,600 and 7,172,883.

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